

Greenways and Trails Tidbits

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TN Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)- April, 2007
Recreation Educational Services Division (RES), www.tdec.net/recreation

RES is pleased to announce the issuing of the **Public Input Survey for the 2007 Greenways and Trails Plan**. The survey will assess the needs of trail users for both non-motorized and motorized trails throughout the State of Tennessee. The survey is an attachment with this newsletter. Please print it out, fill it out and mail or fax to the RES office here in Nashville.

American Trails <http://www.americantrails.org/NewsAction/crtawards3-07.html>

American Trails in cooperation with the Coalition for Recreational Trails has announced its 2007 achievement awards to recognize outstanding trail projects funded by the national Recreational Trails Program (RTP). There are 7 project categories: Maintenance and Rehabilitation, Construction & Design, Education & Communication, Multiple-Use Management & Corridor Sharing, Environment & Wildlife Compatibility, Accessibility Enhancement and Youth Conservation Corps. **Nomination deadline is April 20, 2007** and you can learn more about the program and download a form at the website above.

Southern Off Road Cycling Association (SORBA) <http://www.sorba.org/>

SORBA is the IMBA affiliate for the Southeast and there are numerous clubs that made up the association.

There are two IMBA Trail Care Crew events in April here in Tennessee. **The Chattanooga event is scheduled on April 12-15 and the second is in Nashville on April 19-22, 2007.** For more information and to sign up, go to: <http://www.imba.com/tcc/schedule.html> for the contacts on these two workshops.

Go to: <http://www.sorbachattanooga.org/trails/trails.php?state=8&trail=367> to check out the Chattanooga Chapter's trail directory, an interactive trail guide for mountain bike trails throughout the State of Tennessee.

American Hiking Society <http://www.americanhiking.org/>
National Trails Day!

Put **June 2, 2007** on your calendar and join thousands of trail volunteers across the nation participating in trail construction, trail maintenance, trail awareness or enjoying the health and fitness benefits of getting on a trail for **National Trails Day (NTD)**. In 2006, 33 events occurred throughout the State of Tennessee with hundreds of people hiking, biking or spending time on trail construction and maintenance.

To date, nine organizations are hosting 15 events throughout the State of Tennessee. The **2007 Goal** is to have 40 registered events, so we are 1/3 of the way there.

Go to the NTD website: <http://www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd/index.html> to register your event and get your **FREE** promotional materials or to find an event happening near you!

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Cumberland Trail Conference (from their website) <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/index.html>

The 2007 trail construction season has started with the Spring Breakaway program. Three hundred (300) students and other volunteers have been working on the section of the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail (CTSST) between Frozen Head State Natural Area and Cove Lake State Park. Additional trail building opportunities are available through June 2007.

Go to <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/act.html> for the 2007 volunteer opportunities.

American Hiking Society <http://www.americanhiking.org/alliance/sai/festival.html>

The American Hiking Society's Southern Appalachians Alliance of Hiking Organizations website provides information on what is going on in the Southeast. The Great Southeastern Hiking Festival Conference will be May 3-6, 2007 in Montreat, North Carolina. More than 20 activities are planned for this three day event.

There will be a free Public Festival on Saturday, May 5, 2007 in downtown Black Mountain, NC.

Go to the website listed above for more information on the Festival or contact Jeffrey Hunter at 423-266-2507.

International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) www.imba.com

IMBA has just published a new book **Managing Mountain Biking** which is a companion book to IMBA's popular trail building how-to book **Trail Solutions**. More than 50 experts including land managers, recreation ecologists, professional trail builders and experienced advocates contributed to the book creating the most complete reference of its kind. With 270 color photographs and 25 helpful illustrations, dozens of success stories from around the globe provide real world examples.

Go to: http://www.imba.com/resources/bike_management/managing_mountain_bikes.html to find out more about the book and how to order it.

American Hiking Society <http://www.americanhiking.org>

The American Hiking Society (AHS) has a new publication, *Key Components of Creating A Volunteer Program*, which was developed for the AHS by Mayes Wilson and Associates. This document covers the A-Z of Volunteer Programs and also provides sample forms for Volunteer applications, liability release, safety policy and other information to effectively use volunteers.

Go to: <http://www.americanhiking.org/alliance/sai/index.html> or contact Jeffrey Hunter, 423-266-2507 for more information about the publication.

The USDA Forest Service Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) <http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/techdev/mtdc.htm>

For the latest in trail development research, see the USDA Forest Service Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) website.

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Federal Highway Administration <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov>

Go to: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/equip/> to see the latest in trail construction equipment.

American Trails <http://americantrails.org>

Need training for trail layout, construction or on trail assessments! Check out the National Trails Training Partnership (NTTP) website at <http://americantrails.org/nttp/default> . The NTTP provides a comprehensive calendar showing available training opportunities.

If you don't see what you need, contact NTTP and see if one can be set up.

American Trails <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/index.html>

Do you need information about accessible trails and whether your trail meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications? This is the website that has the answers to your questions.

Go to: <http://www.access-board.gov/po1.cfm> to print out copies of the technical guidelines for ADA compliance for different facilities.

UPCOMING DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

April 12-15, 2007 IMBA Trail Care Crew workshop in Chattanooga, TN
<http://www.imba.com/tcc/schedule.html>

April 17-18, 2007 TN Geographic Information Council (TNGIC) Conference
Chattanooga, TN www.tngic.org

April 19-22, 2007 IMBA Trail Care Crew workshop in Nashville, TN
<http://www.imba.com/tcc/schedule.html>

April 20, 2007 Deadline for nominations for the 2007 Recreational Trails Program
Achievement Awards www.americantrails.org

May 3-6, 2007 GREAT SOUTHEASTERN HIKING FESTIVAL, Montreat, NC
<http://www.americanhiking.org/alliance/sai/festival.html>

June 2, 2007 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY – Start planning your Event NOW.
Go to <http://www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd/> to register your event and
get the FREE promotional materials

July 19-21, 2007 SOUTHEAST EQUESTRIAN TRAILS CONFERENCE
“Tomorrow’s Horse Trails Depend on You”. Go to:
www.southeasternequestriantrails.com

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Information provided in this newsletter is taken from other sources and it is recommended that you go to those sources directly for complete information about an activity or event.



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